## THE WAR

A Dearth of News from the Fields of Battle.

GREEK AND MOSLEM

The Greek Patriarch Sanctions the Slaughter of His Co-Religionists.

CORRUPTION OR WEAKNESS?

Everything Ready for a Movement on the Danube.

MONTENEGRO YET UNCONQUERED.

DE CABLE TO THE HERALD. LONDON, June 16, 1877.

There is a great dearth of war news of importance this morning. No definite information regarding the preparations for the crossing of the Danube has reached us, nor have any further details of the sanguinary struggle before Kars come to hand. The action of the Greek Patriarch is likely to be a source

GREEK PRAYERS FOR TURKISH SUCCESS.

of the Turkish Empire.

The HERALD correspondent in Constantinople sends a very significant piece of intelligence. The Greek Patriarch of Constantinople-the highest ecclesiastical dignitary of the Greek Church in the Ottoman Empire-has ordered prayers to be offered up in all churches of his patriarchate for the success of the Turkish arms. The Patriarch of Constantinople, while claiming to be the head of the whole Eastern Church in opposition to the Russian Archmandrite, is always under the moral influence of St. Petersburg through force of circumstances, and naturally looks to Russia for protection against Moslem persecution.

THE PATRIABCH'S DIFFICULT POSITION. He is a Turkish subject, however, and therefore the Porte exercises a sort of right to veto his election, and in many other respects he is under the direct control of the Sultan. In the present state of the East the Patriarch is in a peculiarly difficult and delicate position. His natural sympathies must be with those who aim to overthrow the Turkish power, although he may have some misgivings that the complete triumph of Russia

would lower his status in the Greek Church. DANGER FROM MOSLEM PANATICISM.

On the other hand, the slightest expression of sympathy with the Sultan's enemies, or failure to comply with an order from the Porte, might have very serious consequences for the Patriarch. The fanatical populace of Stamboul are now excited to fever heat, and if some softa would only denounce him as a Russian spy or an enemy of Islam the utmost efforts of the Turkish government could hardly save his life.

WAS THE PATRIABCH BOUGHT?

But fear was not the only incentive which moved the weak or venal Patriarch to take the strange action reported. On last Tuesday, according to a special despatch from the HERALD correspondent already cabled, the Sultan sent for the Patriarch and had a long private interview with him, in the course of which the Patriarch promised to use his good offices in favor of the Turks. He lunched with the Sultan, which was an unusual honor, was decorated with the Crossof Osman, and was made the recipient of very valuable presents. Probably the presents had as much to do with the Patriarch's action as the fear of Turkish vongeance.

INTENSE IRRITATION OF THE GREEKS. The irritation among the Greek population at the action of the Patriarch is intense and widespread. He has utterly destroyed his influence over the members of his Church and is looked upon as a traitor to his race and creed. If the war was an ordinary one the feeling would be strong enough; but considering that the Sultan has proclaimed a holy war against Christianity, the command of the Patriarch to the Christians of the Greek Church to offer up prayers for the success of the Moslem arms is looked upon not alone as downright sacrilege and apostacy, but as an evidence of venality and corruption of the basest kind. The affair is likely to produce very serious results and is calculated to revolutionize the whole Greek Church.

AN HARLY CROSSING OF THE DANCHE. Several special despatches in the London papers of this morning seem to show that there will shortly be some movement on the Dannhe

SHIPPING THE RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS. A Vienna despatch dated last pight says:-"It is announced the headquarters offices of the Russian army wall, after to-morrow, be transferred to Alexandria, near Ginrgevo."

EVERYTHING READY.

A Ploejesti despatch states it is supposed operations will soon commence, as everything is prepared, but the Danube falls very slowly. There have been many departures from this place, but the destination of those who leave is kept profoundly secret.

THE TURES EXPECTANT. A despatch dated Shumia, June 12, says an at-

tempt to cross is hourly expected. There is great excitement at Rustchuk and Shumia. There is every appearance of desperate fighting shortly.

THE ARMY AND PRACE TALK A special correspondent at Bucharest telegraphs that the Russian army would receive any foreshadowing of peace with such a thrill of passionate disgust as would strain the bonds of discipline to the utmost. There can be no question that the army regards Constantinople as the only goal that

THE CZAR WILL RETURN.

It is settled that the Czar will return to Russia immediately after he has witnessed and par-ticipated in the passage of the Danube.

GONE TO THE FRONT. There are now comparatively few Russian officers in Bucharest; their duties call them else where.

PREPARING TO CROSS. Letters from special correspondents state that the Russians have officited only sufficient pontoon material for two or three crossings.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND STRONG. The Berin Militar Wochenblatt estimates the Russians in Roumania and neighborhood at 200,000, including 27,000 cavalry.

A STRANGE REMARK.

There is a growing coolness between Mr. Layard, the British Ambassador, and the Porte. The Grand Vizier and Safvet Pacha, the Foreign Minister, complain that Mr. Layard is not friendly enough and Mr. Layard complains that the Porte does not attend to his complaints, or, when it does, only makes promises which it does not keep. Mr. Lay ard has made a sharp remonstrance and warned the Porte that "Its conduct will further alienate English sympathy."

A correspondent at the Russian headquarters professes to give further details of Prince Gortschacoff's reply to Earl Derby, as follows:-

If the Turks make peace directly after Russia crosses the Balkans Russia will be ready to accord peace, but otherwise she would have no alternative but to conquer and dictate peace to the Porte. If England wishes to prevent the Russians from entering Constantinople she has only to exert her influence upon the Turks in order to induce them to yield immediately after the Balkans are passed. of trouble among the Christian population NO BALF MEASURES.

The correspondent adds:-"It is only fair to say that the idea among the Russians is that half measures will not suffice. Bulgaria must become nomous as Servia and Roumania."

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY IN VIENNA. In connection with the prosecution of some inof the Vienna University has been arrested, and documents have been discovered at his house proving the existence of an internationalist propaganda, aiming at revolution in Russia and Austria. AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

Minister Tisza, in the Hungarian Diet, replying to interpellations of the extreme anti-Russian party, said the government was prepared to submit to Austro-Hungarian interests. The foreign Powers had never manifested greater confidence in and friendship toward the country than at present. EFFECTS UPON THE FINANCES.

The Times, in its financial column, notices that a rather strained feeling is again taking hold of the public mind relative to Eastern affairs.

THE PALESTINE TROUBLES. war the Mohammedans in Palestine have again become particularly hostile to foreigners. Germany the great Powers to insure the safety of German sts there.

A letter from Belgrade, coming from a good source, says the reorganization of the Servian nearly completed. In the active army only men have been taken who are drilled and have seen service. Others have been enrolled in the second class reserves.

HOW THEY ARE ARMED. The former are tolerably well armed with breechloaders. The guns, which were hidden in the ground at Alexinatz and other places so as to be wate from the Turks, have all been recovered and made efficient. The repairing of old and the construction of new fortifications has been going on vigorously, especially over all the Timok coun-

try. The line of the Danube in that direction has received special attention. Gladova has been made pulte a strong entrenched position, as has also Cadujevatz at the confluence of the Timok and the PROVISIONS WAITING.

The works generally are not armed, but guns and immunition are stored in a station to the rear, so that they may be brought forward as soon as wanted. There are stores and provisions collected spite the wants of the population. In the Timok district the militia have not been called out excent for the usual drill, but all have been warned to be ready at the first summons. The members of the Service corps have received similar warning.

AUSTRIA'S DICTATION. Before leaving Belgrade Prince Milan was reminded that any attempt on the part of Servia to resume hostilities would be immediately followed

SERVIAN NEUTRALPTY. A Belgrade telegram says that Servia will remain neutral under any circumstances. Her neutral attitude will be declared in express terms in a speech from the throne at the opening of the TURKISH TROOPS TO OCCUPY SERVIA

A special from Pesth states that the Porte, fearing Servia will conclude a convention permitting the passage of Russian troops, has decided to occupy the principal positions in Servia. This is very doubtful, as all kinds of anti-Russian rumors are

A VERY TRUE MESSAGE.

A remarkable telegram reaches London from readers of the HEBALD may be able to judge what kind of news comes from the seat of war to some of the newspapers. We read that "Mukhtar Pacha's position at Zewin is believed to be unassailable. The Purkish right confronts the Russian left (') in the open district of Alashkirt. An engagement is imnent The Russian detachment of the centre which occupied Soghanii, has fallen back in the di-

MORE ABOUT MUKHTAK It is officially announced at St. Petersburg that Mukhtar Pacha has been reinforced by twenty battalions (12,000 men) from Trebizond

THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE RED CRESCENT FOR THE RED CROSS BY TURKEY-THE LATTER TO BE RESPECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONVENTION OF GENEVA.

The Turkish Minister communicates to the Asso-ciated Press a despatch, of which the following is r

translation:—

Constantinople, June 13, 1877.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Minister of Tolking Affairs to the Minister of Tolking Affairs to the Minister of Tolking Affairs to the Minister of the substitution of our ambulance service of the red crescent for the red cross, doubts have been raised as to our intention of respecting the Convention of Geneva. To remove any misunderstanding in this respect the Imperial government declares that in conformity with the said Convention, to which it adheres in principle, the red cross will continue to be religiously respected by the Ottoman armies under all circumstances; that formal instructions have been given to this effect, and that the Society of Aid for the Wounded, represented by the red crescent, is in reality but the eastern branch of the Society of the Red Cross."

SALISBURY MILLS.

HEAVY DEBTS OF THE CORPORATION AND DIF-PICULTY ABOUT PAYMENT.

BOSTON, June 15, 1877. At a special meeting of the stockholders of Salisbury Mills to-day to take action on a proposition to sell the real estate and personal property of the cor-poration the treasurer stated the failure of an porsion the treasurer stated the failure of an attempt to have new stock taken up and that he declined to sign notes for the company, that notes for \$150,000 were due or soon would be, and, unless provided for, the creditors would seize the property. He moved that a portion of the property be sold at nuction. After debate the motion was tabled, whereupon the treasurer resigned. The meeting adjourned without action.

## ELEGRAPHIC

From All Parts of the World.

THE CRISIS IN FRANCE.

Popular Feeling Over Gambetta's Interpellation To-Day.

DISSOLUTION OR COUP D'ETAT?

Reception of the Canadian Pilgrims in Rome.

IBY CABLE TO THE HERALD. 1

LONDON, June 16, 1877. The situation in France is becoming more interesting according as a solutio n of the crisis created by MucMahon's rash act appears to be drawing nigh. Telegrams received from Paris last night represent the feeling among all parties as one of great tension, though no public demonstration occurred to indicate the probability of any imprudent action on the part of the republicans. This crisis differs from any which has ever occurred in French history in this respect, and marks, it is hoped, a new era in French politics.

THE FRENCH PROPER CALM BUT RESOLVED.

The friends of honest representative, Parliamentary government are hopeful and argue that the splendid moderation shown by the republicans. their perfect discipline and their resolution to give no pretext to the reactionary ministry for a resort to force, sound the death knell of personal govern ments, of coups d'état and of street barricades in France. The quiet demeanor of the republican masses in the great cities must not be mistaken for indifference to the issues at stake, but rather as an evidence of the consciousness of the strength to win and to bame all the intrigues of the partisans of effete and worn out dynasties.

PROBABLE MESSAGE PROM MACHAHON.

The meeting of the Chamber, which takes place to day, is the subject of universal discussion in the press and in all public places of resort, and the result of the debate on M. Gambetta's interpellation is expected to ndicate the probable issue of the crisis. A despatch received last night from Paris says it seems certain that at the opening of the sitting of the Chambers a message from President MacMahon will be read. This message will doubtless foreshadow the policy of the Cabinet in a more definite form than has been heretofore done and will also make a strong bid for the support of the conservatives.

FORTOU TO REPLY TO GAMBETTA

Gambetta's speech in support of the interpel will probably be one of the greatest efforts of his life. The Patric says Minister Forton will reply to M. Gambetta's interpellation, but will leave the tribune at the slightest word of offense. If the members of the Left adhere to their resolution of preserving complete sileace and calm during the debate, which is very probable, the Ministry will have no excuse for demanding extraordinary measures and will be placed in a very unenviable position. It is felt on all sides that the fate of France depends on the action taken in the Chambers to-day.

The Duke de Broglie will next lay on the table a denand for the dissolution of the Chamber. It is doubtful whether the Senate will vote the dissolution, and

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to case of a return the Marshal will have the univ alternative of resigning or resorting to a coup d'état. Should the dissolution be voted the same disagreeable alternative will almost certainly be presented to him more pronounced in its republicantsm. THE CANADIAN PILORINS AT ROME.

The Canadian pilgrims had an audience with the Pope yesterday and asked his benediction for their countrymen and the people of New York and Liverpool, who had given them a triendly reception. The pligrims presented the Pope with a magnificent mitre sinded with gems, a silver vase and \$20,000. The Pope expressed his joy at the escape of the pilgrims from the great perils of their voyage and at the many signs of devotion from a country where the faith, after surmounting so many dangers, still remained so strong and vigorous. He concluded by giving his blessing to the pilgrims.

MEXICO.

THE CAPTURE OF ACAPULCO BY THE LEBDISTAS CONFIRMED-DIAZ'S GUNBOATS BOMBARDING THE PLACE-GENERAL JIMINEZ REPORTED SAN FRANCISCO, June 15, 1877.

Advices by the steamer China confirmed the previous report of the capture of Acapulco by Alvarez, who has installed in office there adherents of Lerdo. The date of Alvarez's entry is not stated. Very little resistance was offered by the followers of Diag. Alvarez is sustained by about 1,000 Indian soldiers. Several Lerdo men who were compelled to flee from Mexico on the accession of Diaz to power left this city to-day on the steamship Constitution for Acapulco. BOMBARDMENT BY DIAZ'S GUNBOATS.

A letter received here by a mercantile firm from a correspondent in Acapulco corroborates the news of the capture of that place and its bombardment by a Diaz fleet of gunboats, consisting of two vessels, which are endeavoring to retake the city. The correspondent, who writes under date of June 5, says:-"Two sunboats are off the city and are throwing shells into At the date of writing no serious damage had been

ione by fire or shell explosions. The American merchants have placed their books and valuable papers in the house of the American Consul. It is yet an open question whether the gunboats can retake the city. No mention is made of Alvarez reptying to the fleet with batteries on shore. GENERAL JIMINES KILLED.

Information received from other sources is to the effect that General Jiminez, the Diaz Governor of Aca-The gunboat which went to the rescue of the passer cers of the wrecked steamer City of San Francisco is

STEAMER CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. LATER REPORTS STATE SHE HAS NOT BROKEN UP.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15, 1877. The steamship China, from Panama, brings the folowing news of the wrecked steamer City of San Fran

The ship has not been broken up by the action of the sea. The wreck is in exactly the position de-scribed by witnesses in their testimony before the Court of Inquiry. All that part of the vessel for-ward of the mainmast is above water, and Court of Inquiry. All that part of the vessel forward of the mainmant is above water, and the smokestacks are still standing. The steamer Moses Taylor moored at Acapulco as a receiving snip, will take merchandise saved from the wreck. Nothing has been taken directly from the sunken ship yet, but a schooner load of merchandise, part of her cargo, has been picked up sileat and on the beach and taken to Acapulco.

Captain Noisa, of the China, has been commissioned to return to the scene of the wreck to save all the cargo possible and generally protect the interests of the company. He sailed in the Constitution to-day. SITTING BULL CONTENT.

THE OLD SCALPER WILL LIVE PRACEFULLY IN CANADA, PROTECTED BY "HIS GRANDMOTHER." THE BEITISH SOVERRION-HE WANTS TO BE LET ALONE

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. 1 BISMARCK, D. T., June 15, 1877.

Father Martin, of Standing Rock, reached Bismarck o-day on his return from his visit to Sitting Bull. He found the old scalper on Frenchman's Creek, about forty miles north of the British American boundary.

PROBLESS OF PRACE.
Sitting Bull refused to hold a council with him except to the presence of one of the British officers. Accordingly, after a delay of one week, the attendance of Majors Walsh and Irwin and Captain Allen, from Fort Walsh, was secured, and after a long talk Sitting

British possessions. The British officers answered him all would be well if he behaved himself and did not commit depreciation on either side of the line.

Sitting Bull's followers are divided into three bands, and number in all about 320 lodges or 1,000 fighting men, and Father Martin is satisfied they have had enough of war and desire now to be let atone. In crossing, the river this spring they lost marly all their camp equipments and much of their ammunition and many of their arms, and are now in no condition to pursue the warpath.

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TO HE UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

The British officers believe they can control the sale of arms and it is not proposed to allow the Indians any except the arms and ammunition needed for hunting

A BADLY TREATED CHILD OF THE GREAT PATHER. A RADLY TREATED CHILD OF THE GREAT PATHER.
Siting Bull had grievous complaints to make against
the United States. He said his Father turned him, off
and he was forced to go to his Grandmother for protection, and therefore he would not talk until his
grandmother was heard from; but when the British
officers came be tarked very freely, with the result

DEATH IN THE MINE. TWO MEN CRUSHED BY A FALLING ROOF-ONE

KILLED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.] SCRANTON, Pa., June 15, 1877. An accident of a most painful nature occurred at the

Cayuga colliery in this city to-day, where a labore named Patrick McSully was instantly killed and a mener named Morgan fatally injured by the fall of roof. The men had fired a shot, which blew out prop, and they were in the act of replacing it when large mass of the roof descended upon them with

Death and darkness was the result. Morgan's head and one arm were free, but his body was squeezed into a narrow crevice from which he struggled fiv vain to liberate himself. He called to his companion, but no answer came; then he groped about with his hand and set last caught the band of McSully, which protunded from beneath the deadly weight. The miner called his name again, the received no reply, and he knew he was grasping the hand of a dead man. Morgan then crited aloud several times for help, but his crites were unheard, and becoming weak from the loss of blood, he wisely determined on reserving his strength until assistance came.

For nearly an hour ho lay in that awful position beside his dead companion and beneath the fearful boulder, until at last the mule driver found him and brought help from a distant part of the mine to set him free.

THE COTTON CROP.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE OFFICIAL CANVASS-AN UNFAVORABLE SEASON AT PLANTING TIME-DESTRUCTIVE AGENCIES AT WORK-FAIR PROS-PECTS NOW WITH GOOD WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, June 15, 1877. Mr. Dodge reports as the result of the official canvass of the area on cotton this year an increase of nearly four per cent upon the acreage of 1876, giving a total in excess, of 12,000,000 acres. North Carolina declines four per cent and South Carolina three per cent. Georgia and Florida increase each one per cent; Ala bama and Tennessee, two; Mississippi, four; Arkan-Louisiana, six, and Texas, fitteen. States of the largest acroage are respectively Mississippl, Texas, Alabama and Georgia. The condition is lower than in the past two years in June, but higher than in 1874.

STATE AVERAGES The State averages of condition are as follows North Carolina, 82; South Carolina, 91; Georgia, 89 Florida, 92: Alabama, 90: Mississippi, 91: Louisiana. 98; Texas, 91; Arkansas, 94; Tennessec. 94

There were several frosts in May in North Carolina and spow as late as the loth. In some sections little rain fell during the month, and in others cold rains impaired its condition. Imperiest stands are general, and from one-third to two-thirds of the area of certain

INJURIES TO THE PLANT.

The weather has been unlavorable since rep lina, and stands are imperfect. Drought and low night temperature are injurious. In some cases the early planted died and roplantings fulled to germinate. There is much complaint in Georgia of a poor standard, caused by cool weather, cutworms, crickets, grasshoppers and aphides. Some instances

corred.

CONDITIONS IN THE VARIOUS STATES.

Unpropitious weather in Pierida has impaired the stands and condition, but the piant is improving under the recent elevation of temperature.

There is some complaint of non germination in Alabama and Mississippi, which is less general than on the Atlantic coast. Flants are backward and aphides troublesome. Areas, at first too wet, have since been too dry and cold. The crop is two weeks late in the central and northern sections, but is in good condition in more southern counties.

In Louisiana germination has been prompt, growth is vigorous and culture botter than usual. Cold nights injured the early planted areas. Eain is needed in some localities.

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In Texas the plant is from two to four weeks late from the effects of cool nights, rains and hall storms, instead of drought, and from destruction by grasshoppers and cutworms. A second planting has been made with a prospect or a lair crop. Plants are of irregular size, generally small but healthy and promising, with exceptional areas infested by rast and lice.

In Arkansas cool nights said rains necessitated replanting, and drought has since prevented vigorous growth. In some counties stands are good. Fields are generally cleaner than usual.

Similar meteorological conditions have been encountered in Tennessee; but the plants, though small, are generally healthy and clean culture prevails.

In a word, the season has been too cool for cotton, too wet at the time of planting, and too dry since in all of the area, except Texas. The plant is now generally small, but healthy, free from weeds, and in condition to improve rapidly with favorable weather. Cutworms and aphides have had a tavorable season for destructive operations, and grasshoppors have been exceptionally numerous in Texas.

CANADIAN CROPS.

MONTERAL, Quebec, June 15, 1877. Despite the dry weather the crops in the Province of Quebec so far are reported good.

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION.

EXORBITANT CHARGES AT BUFFALO. TOLEDO, June 15, 1877.

The Produce Exchange at its noon session to-day adopted a preamble and resolutions referring to the depressed condition of transportation interest on lines ing business with the Erie Canal, and carling on the Buffalo elevator combination to reduce its charge for Badialo elevator combination to reduce its charge for transferring grain to one-haif cent per bushel, the same to be charged to the grain, inasmuch as vessels cannot afford to pay even one-quarter cent per bushel in competition with Southern railway routes. They also ask the co-operation of Western boards of trade, and other parties interested in securing the reduction, and propose, in case Buffalo charges cannot be reduced, that the Western shipping interests furnish floating elevators for the transfer of grain at Buffalo.

BOSTON EXPORT TRADE. MALL AMOUNT OF GRAIN COMING FORWARD-

STRAMERS TO COME TO NEW YORK FOR CAR-

Boston, June 15, 1877. The Evening Journal says that owing to the depres sion of the foreign export trade of Boston it is impos-sible to produce cargoes for the steamers sailing from mible to produre cargoes for the steamers sailing from Boston for Liverpool, and it is announced to-day that the next steamers of the Leland line to arrive here will probably go to New York for treight that has hereto-tore been shipped here. There are now hardly fifty thousand busnels of grain in the clevator at East Boston, and there is but very fittle on the way here for toreign shipment. Last year at this time busness was prosperous, and upward of a million busnels of grain were received in the month of June. A project has been recently moured for bringing grain from the West to Boston by the Eris Railway via the Metropolitan Steamship line from New York, but it is uncertain whether any satisfactory arrangement of this kind can be made.

MOUNT CARMEL RELIEF FUND.

CINCINNATI, June 15, 1877. The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce to-day voted a cash donation of \$1,000 for the relief of sufferers by NAVAL ACADEMY.

PROGRESS OF THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION-CADETS ON THE SKIRMISH LINE-MORTAR PRACTICE-A BRILLIANT RECEPTION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. ] ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 15, 1877.

Last evening displayed a scene of beauty and brilsucy at the Naval Academy, being the occasion the reception of the Board of Visitors and the Academic Board of the School at the house of Rear Adtion. The spacious grounds of the academy, charming in their vernal loveliness, was brilliant with Chi nese lanterns, pendent from trees, and with gas jets and chandeliers picturesquely arranged beneath the foliage. In front of the Admiral's residence a large canopy was raised, and beneath this sideless tent the Admiral's guests enjoyed the cool breezes of the Chesspeake, while off and anon the academy band regaled them with the strains of sweet music. The grounds were thrown open to the public, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the illumina-

were thrown open to the public, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to edjoy the illumination.

SKIRMISHING SKA BERGES.

To-day the Board of Visitors examined the various buildings in the adademy and inspected a drill by the battaino of cadet midshipmen. The battaino first deployed as two skirmish lines advancing upon the fee and ended wish forming in the grove near the Herndon Monument and sending out skirmish lines in front and on their flanks. The main body of the battailon then advanced in the centre of the skirmish lines, and as they marched away under the green trees and arrough the shrubbery, the band playing the "Dragoon Quickstep," the scene was inspiring. On the plateau frouting the barbor the battailon haited, called in its skirmishers and opened fire upon an imaginary foe, at the conclusion of which the drill was over.

MORTAR PIACTICE—A THIPLE TOO CLOSE.

In the afternoon Lieutenant Commander Gridley, commanding the midshipmen, practised on the Severn in twelve twelve-oared launches, the feet sailing by flag signals. After that the thriteen-inen mortar was fired twice with 21d-pound snell. The drist shell exploded so close to the stere of the excursion steamer, Theodore Weems, then coming into the harbor, that the commandant of midshipmen, Commander Edward Terry, left a party of ladies with whom he was, with the exclamation, "By Jinks that won't do!" and on a run went down to the mortar and had the range changed to clear water.

MIDSHIPMEN RESIGNAD.

Cadet Midshipmen E. A. Von Starkloff, of Missouri; Edward C. Thompson, of Ponnsylvania, and William Robinson, of the District of Columbia, have resigned.

Coxcutsion of THE KNAMINATION.

The annual examination at the academy closes on Wednesday next, 20th inst., when the certificates of the drast class by Secretary Thompson, who will visit Annapolis on that day for that purpose.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, June 15, 1877. By direction of the Secretary of War the following changes in the stations and duties of paymasters in the army have been made:—Major H. B. Reese, relieved from duty in the Department of the South and ordered to report in person to the Commanding General of the Department of Dakota for assignment to duty in place of Major I. O. Denoy, relieved from duty in the department and ordered to New York city to report for duty to the Commanding General of the Military Division of the Atlantic.

CINCINNATI OPERA HOUSE.

JUDICIAL DECISION IN THE SUIT BETWEEN THE OWNERS AND LESSEE-THE BUILDING RE-STORED TO THE PROPRIETORS-PRACTICAL CLOSING OF THE HOUSE AS A PLACE OF AMUSEMENT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HEBALD.]

CINCINSATI, June 15, 1877. The Superior Court of Cincinnati to-day rendered a ecision in a case wherein the Catholic Institute of this city, owners of the Grand Opera House, had sued R. E. J. Miles, lessee of that building, who has man-

R. E. J. Miles, lessee of that building, who has managed it as a theatre for three years, cancelling the lesse and restoring the property to its owners.

CASE REPORE THE COURT.

In 1874 Miles lessed the building, agreeing to pay \$15,000 for the first year, \$16,000 for the second, \$17,000 for the third and \$18,000 a year for the tourth and fifth years, when the lease should terminate. The terms of the lease were not denied, but Miles made claim that he had put in \$12,000 worth of scenery and properties, which the owners of the theatre had agreed to credit on the fent subsequently to signing the lesse. This amount, however, didn't pay off his indebtedness for reut, and the decree of the Court gives the owners of the opera house all the property he had put in.

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The suit is understood to be an amicable one to determine the rights of Joseph G. Gibbons, to whom Miles had assigned the lease; but it will practically an according to combinations with full comclose the house except to combinations with full co-panies who may lease it for short periods of time.

MRS. HAWKINS' FORGERIES.

NO CLEW TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE MONEY. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD, ] Lorisvitta Kv. Juna 15 1877.

There are no new developments in the Hawkins sen-No clew whatever has been elicited as to the disposition of the money by Mrs. Hawkins. People generally think that she had a confederate, as the forgeries were all in masculine handwriting, but the detectives are

FOUR PERSONS DROWNED.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 15, 1877. A despatch from Belvidere, N. J., says:-"Yesterday fternoon a mill dam just above the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, which had becom considerably washed and weakened by the late rain storms, suddenly broke and precipitated a fishing party, consisting of ten persons, through a sluice-way, Mrs. Reemers, her daughter, Julia Reemers, Miss Crewley and Thomas Pressier were drowned. The owner of the boat in which the party were, Mark Fisher and James Osfeit, were fatally injured."

THE HERALD "COMPLAINT BOOK."

(From the Weekly Union, June 16, 1877.) This same "Complaint Book" of the HERALD I proving a benefit to the city in many ways. Through t all grievances can be discussed. The reformatory effect is feit among us in all branches of metropolitat ife. Occasionally the HERALD takes up editorially the subjects treated in the "Complaint Book," and advocates or rejects, in its crisp and pungent style, some of the propositions therein contained.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

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